NOI Provider Management System – ASAP User Guide

Introduction

The NOI Web-Based System (upgraded in 2016) allows a prospective provider to electronically submit an online application to provide Homemaker & Personal Care services, and at the option of the ASAP, Supportive Home Care Aide services, for one or more selected ASAP organizations. If approved by an authorized EOEA representative, an ASAP Contract Manager is then able to review and decide on undertaking a contract with the provider at the time of the approval or at a future date. NOI also allows for ongoing management of provider information, and provides access to a listing of approved providers for ASAPs to review as needed.

2016 Upgrade Features

- Greatly improved navigation: Easy to find providers, applications, and items that require action. New ASAP and EOEA reporting capabilities
- Virtually the entire contracting process can be performed in NOI from initial provider application to execution of ASAP-Provider contract, and amendments. System allows for supporting documentation uploads.
- The "open" NOI period will be greatly expanded, unavailable only when the system is undergoing maintenance.
- Providers have the ability to easily update their information on an ongoing basis. For example, they will be able to add a new service area and alert ASAPs to this expansion, or ASAP addition.

This guide is intended for ASAP users. It provides a system overview and a step by step walk-through of the contracting process in the upgraded NOI system.

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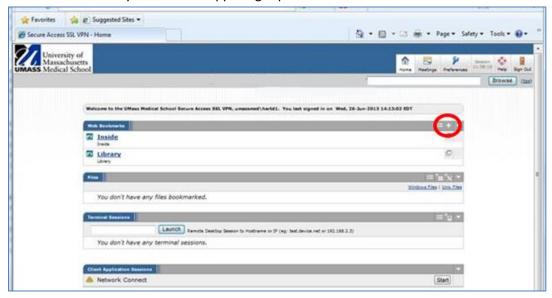
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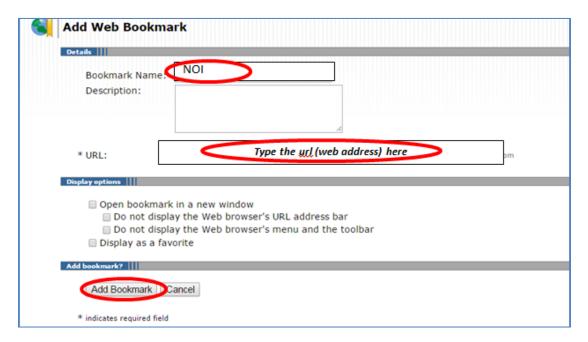
Add a Bookmark for NOI to your UMass VPN Home Page

Once you have access to UMass VPN, create a bookmark on your UMass home page for convenience:

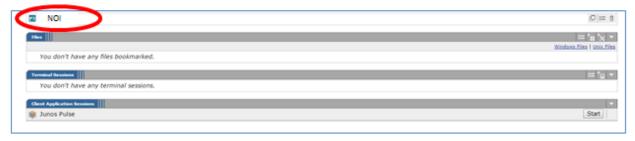
1. Click the + symbol on the upper right portion of the screen:



2. Type in the bookmark name (NOI), and the URL (web address) that you have been provided separately for the NOI site. Then click *Add Bookmark*.



3. From your UMass homepage, you can now click on the NOI bookmark to launch the application.



NOI Application - Contents & Layout

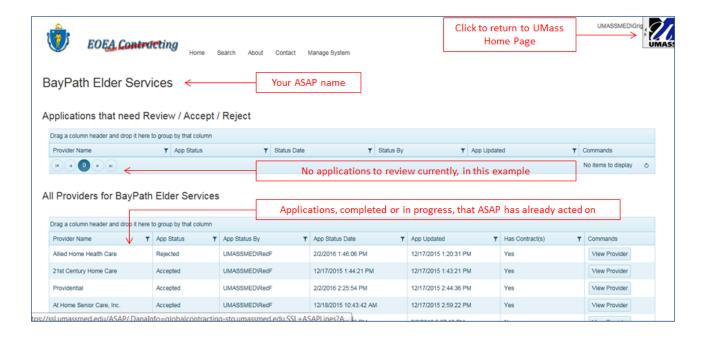
Home Page

The NOI application home page consists of two main sections, or *grids*:

- 1. Applications that need Review / Accept / Reject This grid displays providers associated with your ASAP who's application you have not yet approved or rejected
- 2. All Providers for [Your ASAP] This grid displays all providers associated with your ASAP that you have taken some action on (Accepted / Rejected / entered into a contract with)

See the image below for more information on the contents of the NOI ASAP home page.

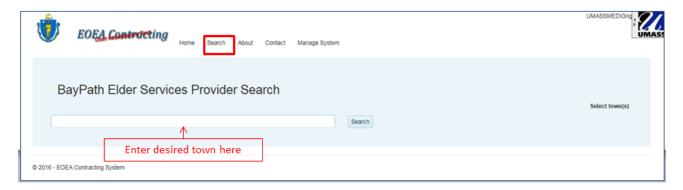
For more information on using filters and sorting grids, go to the <u>Working with Grids in NOI</u> section of this quide.



NOI - Other Sections

Search

ASAP users can conduct a search to identify providers who cover specific towns in this section of the NOI. Click the Search heading to access this feature:



About & Contact

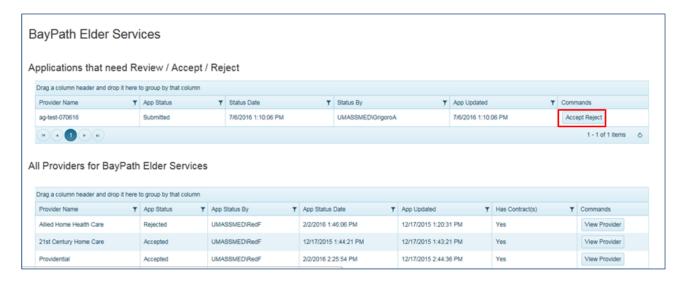
These sections simply contain basic ASAP facts & information about EOEA. Future versions of the NOI may enhance these sections.

NOI Provider Management System - Step by Step

New Application Arrives

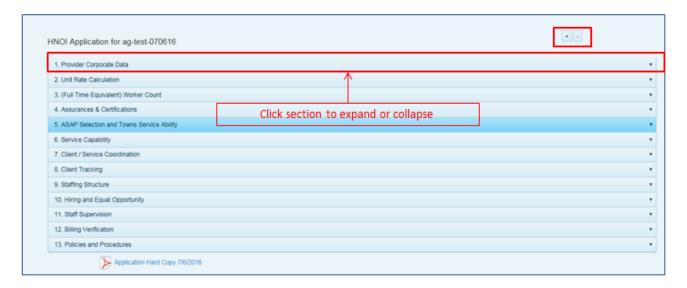
ASAPs learn of the arrival of new provider applications by logging into the NOI system regularly. There are no longer email notifications sent to ASAPs to alert them. A new application appearing on your ASAP NOI home page as shown below indicates that this provider has been approved by EOEA to pursue ASAP contracts.

1. Click the Accept Reject button in the Commands column to open the application.



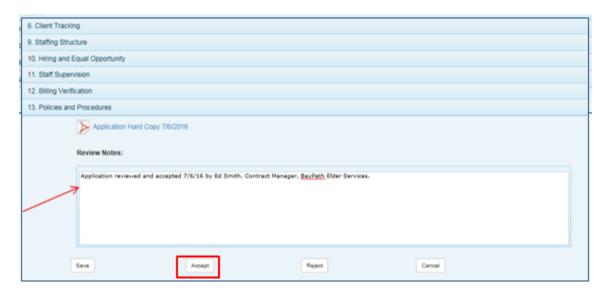
2. Open and review the provider's responses in each section of the application. To expand a section, either click directly on the section itself or click the arrow to the far right of the desired section. Do the same to collapse sections.

To expand or collapse all sections at once, click the + - symbols near the top of the screen.



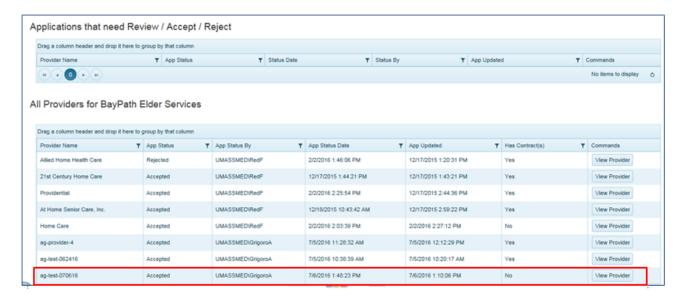
Accepting/Rejecting an Application

3. In this example the ASAP is accepting the provider's application and will pursue a contract. When your review is complete and a decision reached regarding the application, add a comment at the bottom of the page in the *Review Notes* section. This comment will be visible to the provider. Then click *Accept*.



This will return you to your home page. You will notice that the accepted application is now in the lower *All Providers...* section, because you have taken an action on it. Note that you can filter and sort using the

various column headers, including *application status*, and whether or not a provider has an *active contract* with you.



Pursuing a Contract

- 4. To move forward with the contracting process, click *View Provider* in the appropriate row.
- 5. Click the Add Contract button. You also have the option to view the application from this page.



6. This opens the contract creation page. Under Contract Details, enter the performance of service date information as desired.



7. Review the cities and towns to be serviced by the provider.

Rate Negotiation and Executing Contract

8. Review the Contracted Unit Rate section, and the corresponding Rate Sheet completed by the provider. To negotiate a rate, enter your counter offer next to the appropriate service. To enter a rate, use the arrows or enter the rate directly into the field.



9. Add a comment at the bottom of the page noting your action. Always include the date, your name and organization in any comments. Then in order for the provider to review and make a counter proposal, click *Save Contract for Provider Review*. You must click this option to execute a contract. The ASAP is able to execute a contract without any provider action taken.



At this point the provider can again view the status of the contract, review the rate proposal that you have made and make a counter offer. Whether or not this process occurs within the system or in person/by phone the amount is negotiable up until the time when the ASAP executes the contract in the NOI application.

10. Print out the *Contract Hard Copy* when you are ready to execute the contract. The provider's information, including the final negotiated rate, is automatically transferred to the contract document. Sign and send by post to the provider for their signature. Make the fully signed copy available for upload by scanning and saving it to your computer.



11. When you have the signed Contract available, click Execute Contract.



12. Click *Select Executed Contract*, locate the signed contract saved on your computer system, and *open* to upload it.



13. Finally, click on *Execute Contract* on this same page:



After Contract is Finalized

Once the contract is executed, you have additional options available to you when you view this provider's information in the NOI system.



Contract Amendments

Clicking on the *Amend Contract* button opens the page below, allowing for the modification of geographic service areas, negotiated rate(s), and provider name for an approved contracted provider.

Any change initiated by the ASAP can be either *saved*, or *saved for Provider Review* (which allows provider edits.) The amendment effective date must also be entered.



Working With Grids in the NOI

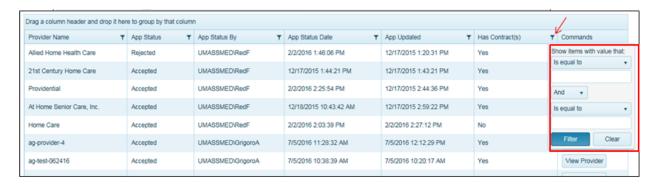
The grids located on the home page in the NOI application allow an ASAP user to filter and sort in a multitude of ways.

Filtering

At the top of each column is the column name, and a filter symbol: . Clicking on that symbol displays your filtering options for that column.

For example, if you want to view only providers who have an active contract you could follow these steps:

1. In the *All Providers...* grid, click the filter symbol at the top of the *Has Contract(s)* column to display options:



Note that under *Show items with value that*, you have many options. In this case *Is equal to* works well for my desired outcome.

2. Enter "Yes" in the text field and click the *Filter* button to capture all providers with existing contracts.



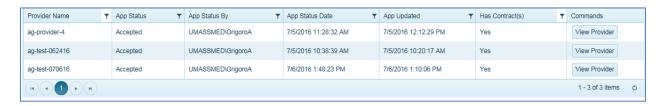
The grid now only shows providers who have contracts:



For some filtering jobs, it may be easier to change the *Show items with value that* selection to *Starts with*. In the example below the Provider Name column is being filtered to show only providers who's name *starts with* "AG".



Adding this filter results in the grid shown below, only showing providers whose name starts with those letters:



*Be sure to *clear* filters after you have used them, unless you intend to keep them in place. The *clear* option is available when you click the filter symbol. If you do not see the information you expect in your grid, it could be because a filter is in place that needs to be cleared.

Sorting

Simply click on a column header to sort by that column's data. A small arrow indicates that the grid is being sorted by that column. In the example below, the grid is sorted by the most recent App Update, most recent first:

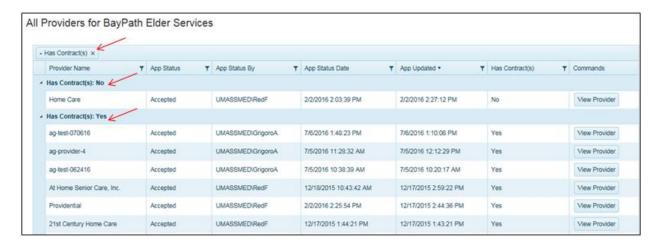


Grouping by Column

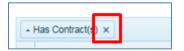
At the top of each grid you have the option to group by any column. This is achieved, as indicated in the text at the top of the grid, by dragging a column header and dropping it at the top of the grid.



The screen below shows the same grid after the *Has Contract(s)* column has been dragged to that location on the screen. Note how the display of the data has changed to reflect this grouping choice:



To undo this grouping display, click on the X next to the group item:



NOI Application Support & User Requests

All issues related to the NOI and the NOI Provider Management System should be sent to Homemaker.noi@MassMail.State.MA.US.

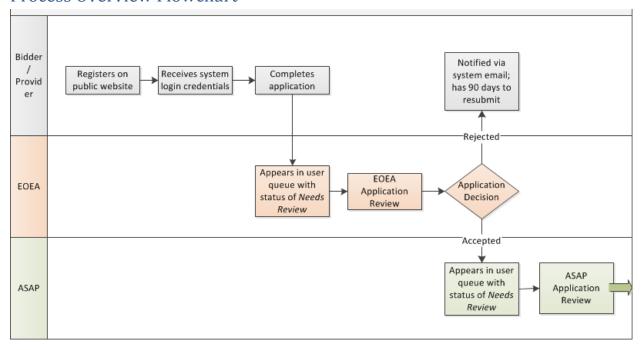
Please include as much detail as possible when describing your issue.

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It is essential that users who are no longer in need of access to the UMass VPN and/or the NOI are deactivated. Please be vigilant in submitting the appropriate names for deactivation when needed.

Process Overview Flowchart



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